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Addendum

1. The General Assembly, by its resolution 52/249 of 26 June 1998, appropriated the amount of $47.7 million for the establishment and operation of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic (MINURCA) for the period from 27 March to 30 November 1998. Pursuant to Security Council resolution 1201 (1998) of 15 October 1998 and pending finalization of my recommendations on the future of the Mission contained in the main report on MINURCA dated 18 December 1998 (S/1998/1203), I have obtained the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in the utilization of the amount of $18.1 million for the maintenance of the Mission from 1 December 1998 to 26 February 1999 and for the support of legislative elections. The total resources made available by the General Assembly and the Advisory Committee to MINURCA since its inception would therefore amount to $65.8 million.

2. With reference to paragraph 53 of my main report, I wish to inform the Security Council that the cost of extending the mandate of MINURCA with the existing structure and overall strength, including its political, military and civilian components, beyond 26 February 1999 is currently projected at $62.1 million. The estimate is based on the time-frame assumed for holding presidential elections in the Central African Republic in the latter part of 1999, with the electoral process to be completed by the end of October, and termination of the Mission no later than 60 days thereafter. This projection excludes the estimated costs associated with the observation by MINURCA of the presidential election process, as the requirements in this regard can be determined only at a later date.

3. The projection provides for the retention in MINURCA of 1,350 military personnel, inclusive of the 35 additional military personnel referred to in paragraph 44 of my main report, and 25 civilian police advisers, supported by 179 international and local staff. A breakdown of the estimated requirements is provided for information purposes, by main categories of expenditure, in the annex to the present addendum.

4. Should the Security Council decide to extend the mandate of MINURCA and concur with my recommendations contained in paragraphs 51 to 53 of my main report, the additional requirements referred to in paragraph 2 above, as well as other as-yet-undetermined requirements in connection with the observation of presidential elections, will be sought from the General Assembly.

Annex

Cost estimates for the extension of the mandate of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	Cost estimates
Military personnel costs	32 000
Civilian personnel costs	13 150
Premises/accommodation	1 850
Infrastructure repairs	60
Transport operations	1 700
Air operations	5 600
Naval operations	2
Communications	550
Other equipment	400
Supplies and services	1 100
Election-related supplies and services	-
Public information programmes	60
Training programmes	90
Mine-clearing programmes	-
Assistance for disarmament and demobilization	-
Air and surface freight	3 950
United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi	-
Support account for peacekeeping operations	-
Staff assessment	1 588
Total	62 100